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IN THE LATEST SYSTEM THREE POLL OF 1009 ADULTS DURING THE PERIOD AUGUST 23 - 30 THE CONSERVATIVES TOOK THE LEAD WITH 31 PERCENT. THIS WAS THE SAME PERCENTAGE AS THE PREVIOUS MONTH BUT THE LABOR PARTY DROPPED 3 PERCENT AND NOW STAND LEVEL WITH THE SNP AT 30 PERCENT EACH. THE SCOTTISH LABOUR PARTY POLLED 4 PERCENT AS DID THE LIBERALS. A 3 PERCENT GAIN BY THE SNP FOLLOWS A STEADY TREND AND IS PROBABLY THE RESULT OF THEIR LOCAL CANVASSING.

THE POLLS COMES AS A BOOST TO THE SCOTTISH CONSERVATIVE PARTY WHICH LAST WEEK ANNOUNCED PLANS FOR A MAJOR REVIVAL AIMED AT CAPTURING DEFECTORS FROM LABOR RANKS.
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